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SUBJ: DISASTER ASSISTANCE TO SWAZILAND

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1. CHARGE MET MORNING DECEMBER 30 WITH PRINCE MASITSELA, MINISTER FOR LOCAL ADMINISTRATION, TO DISCUSS USG ASSISTANCE FOR TORNADO-STRICKEN AREA. CHARGE MADE POINTS (A) AND (B) CONTAINED PARA 2 REFTEL AND INDICATED \$10,000 AVAILABLE TO EMBASSY FOR THIS PURPOSE.

2. WAS CLEAR FROM OUTSET THAT GOS AT LOSS AS TO HOW TO PROCEED. MASITSELA SAID PRIME MINISTER HIMSELF WAS CONCERNED ABOUT AFTER-EFFECTS OF TORNADO AND WANTED TO DO "SOMETHING." MASITSELA SAID THAT MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND EDUCATION HAD PRODUCED LIST OF SCHOOL DAMAGES TALLING APPROXIMATELY \$35,000 (ASIDE FROM DAMAGES TO HOMESTEADS ON WHICH EMBASSY HAS BEEN FOCUSING) AND THAT THIS INFO WOULD BE CONSIDERED AT FORTHCOMING CABINET MEETING. HE SAID MINISTRY OF LOCAL ADMINISTRATION CURRENTLY HAD ABOUT \$7,000 FOR THIS RELIEF EFFORT. HE OBSERVED THAT SCHOOL REPAIRS WERE HIGHEST PRIORITY FOR PEOPLE IN AFFECTED AREAS AND STRESSED THAT SCHOOLS DUE TO REOPEN SOON.

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3. MASITSELA SAID HE SO UNINFORMED ON WHOLE MATTER OF RELIEF EFFORTS THAT HE DID NOT KNOW WHETHER STRICTLY GOS OPERATION WOULD BE MORE OR LESS EFFECTIVE THAN LOCAL RED CROSS OPERATION. HE AGREED RESPOND ON THIS POINT LATER.

4. MASITSELA IMPLIED USG OFFER WOULD BE STIMULUS TO GET GOS OFF DEAD-CENTER AND SAID HE WOULD MENTION IT IN CABINET MEETING. WHEN CHARGE SAID UNDP HAD BEGUN APPROACHING GOS THROUGH MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND ECONOMIC PLANNING (WHICH THEY OBLIGED TO DO UNDER LOCAL PROTOCOL), MASITSELA SAID THAT WAS NEWS TO HIM AND HE WOULD ASK MINISTER OF FINANCE AND ECONOMIC PLANNING TO MAKE CABINET PRESENTATION ON THIS SUBJECT IMMEDIATELY AFTER HIS OWN. EMBASSY AND LOCAL UNDP OFFICE HOPEFUL THAT COMBINED EFFORTS, BESIDES HELPING IN CURRENT SITUATION, WILL RESULT IN DEVELOPMENT OF GOS PROCEDURES USEFUL IN FUTURE CRISES. WILL KEEP ADDRESSEES INFORMED.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: RE PARA 3 ABOVE, IN EVENT GOS MAKES CONVINCING CASE FOR CHANNELING US ASSISTANCE THROUGH MINISTRY RATHER THAN THROUGH RED CROSS, POST WOULD LIKE TO HAVE OPTION TO ACCEDE TO GOS WISHES. WOULD THEREFORE APPRECIATE RECEIVING CABLE AMENDING LANGUAGE OF PARA 1 STATE 309574 TO INCLUDE THAT FLEXIBILITY. WACHOB

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